[26th November 1928

Admission to the Paddison Hostel.

*618 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received for admission to the Paddison Hostel from the old and new students during the current official year; and

(b) how many old and new students were admitted?

A.—(a) From old students 53; from new students 71.

(b) Old students 44; new students 11.

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"Sir, I find from the answer that only 44 out of the 53 old students and 11 out of the 71 new students were admitted. May I know whether it is want of accommodation in the hostel or insufficiency of funds in the budget that prevented the Government from admitting all the students?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"It is want of accommodation, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"What is the extent of accommodation available, Sir?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"There is accommodation for 55."

Central Record Office

Work done in the Madras Record office after Mr. Dodwell's retirement.

*619-A Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) what work remained to be done in the Madras Record office when Mr. Dodwell left India on retirement in 1922 and whether any full-time officer was appointed soon after his leaving Madras in order to finish the remaining work, if any;

(b) what work was done under publication, research, etc., after Mr. Dodwell's departure to England in 1922 and till the present Curator took charge; and

(c) whether any whole-time officer was attending to such work?

A.—(a) & (c) The current work of the Record office to meet all requirements of the administration never ceases, nor can the task of preserving, repairing, arranging, selecting, printing and publishing the old records ever cease either. Every year adds to the volume of records to which these processes have to be applied. There has always been a full-time officer in charge of the Record office since Mr. Dodwell left. His status and qualifications have, however, varied from time to time.

(b) A statement [a] is placed on the table.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 118 infra.